

compliance with 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1). Additionally, Applicants amend the Specification to read "Figures 1A-J" rather than "Figure 1" in accordance with the corrections made in the drawings.

Omitted Items

The Notice also indicates that Figures 8b, 8d, 8e, 8f, 16b and 18b, as described in the specification, appear to have been omitted from the application. Furthermore, the Notice requires a petition and petition fee should the Applicants contend that these items be included in the applications. Applicants hereby submit a petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.182 and the petition fee.

In the application filed on July 19, 2001, "Figure 8" was incorrectly referred to as "Figures 8A-F" in the specification. Applicants hereby amend the specification to read "Figure 8" and therefore assert that there were no omitted items such as 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e or 8f.

Also in the filed application, the figures following "Figure 16a" and "Figure 18a" were incorrectly numbered "Figure 2b" and "Figure 4b," respectively. Applicants hereby submit formal drawings that now correctly show these figures to be "Figure 16b" and "Figure 18b rather than "Figure 2b" and "Figure 4b." Therefore, Applicants assert that Figures 16b and 18b were not omitted but rather were submitted with incorrect numbering.

Since no items were omitted from the application as was submitted on the filing date, Applicants believe that the filing date of July 19, 2001 shall be maintained as the date of deposit of the original application papers in the USPTO.

In response to the Notice, Applicants include (1) a clean version of the replacement paragraphs in compliance with 37 CFR §1.21(b)(1)(ii), and (2) a marked-up version of the replacement paragraphs in compliance with 37 CFR §1.21(b)(1)(iii).

Thus, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter these amendments. If Applicants can do anything more to expedite this application, Applicants ask the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (213) 489-1600.

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PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.21(b)(1)(iii)

IN THE SPECIFICATION

1) On page 14, please delete lines 12-17 and kindly replace the deleted paragraph with the following replacement paragraph:

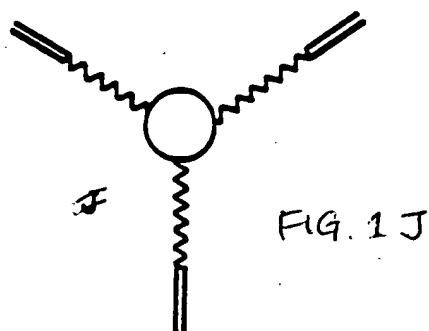
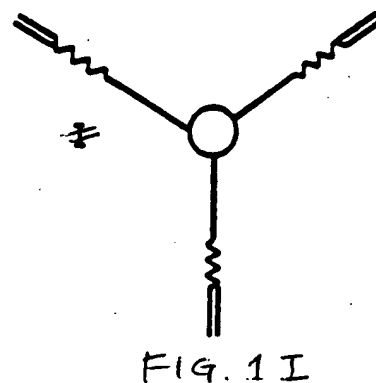
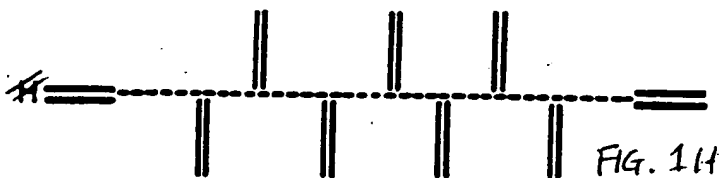
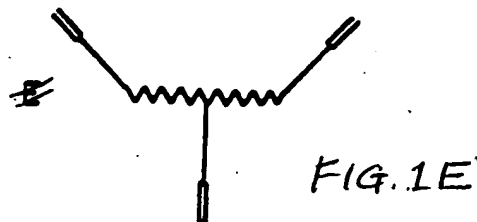
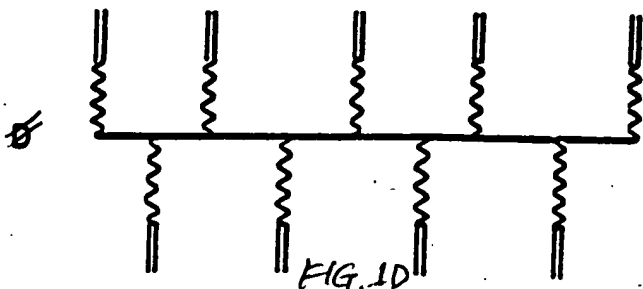
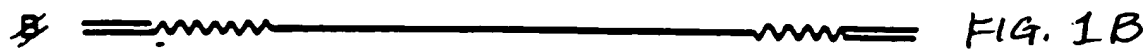
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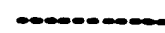

Figures 1A-J show [Figure 1 shows] ~~schematically~~ illustrated macromers of the present invention where _____ is a water-soluble [water soluble] core such as PEG; ~~~~~ is a hydrolyzably degradable extension such as a polyglycolide; ===== is a polymerizable end cap or side chain such as an acrylate; and ----- is a water-soluble and hydrolyzable portion such as a hyaluronate.

2) On page 15, please delete lines 17-22 and kindly replace the deleted paragraph with the following replacement paragraph:

Figure 8 [Figures 8A-F] is a graph of the number of cells versus gel composition, for the unattached cells obtained from lavage of the peritoneal cavity in mice with different PEO overcoat gel compositions: a - 18.5k; b - 10% 0.5k, 90% 18.5k; c - 50% 18.5k, 50% 0.4k; d - 10% 0.4k, 90% 35k; e - 50% 0.4k, 50% 35k; and f - alginate-poly (L-lysine) control.

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-  - WATER SOLUBLE COMPONENT
-  - HYDROLIZABLE COMPONENT
-  - WATER SOLUBLE AND HYDROLIZABLE COMPONENT
-  - PHOTOPOLYMERIZABLE COMPONENT

~~FIG. 1~~

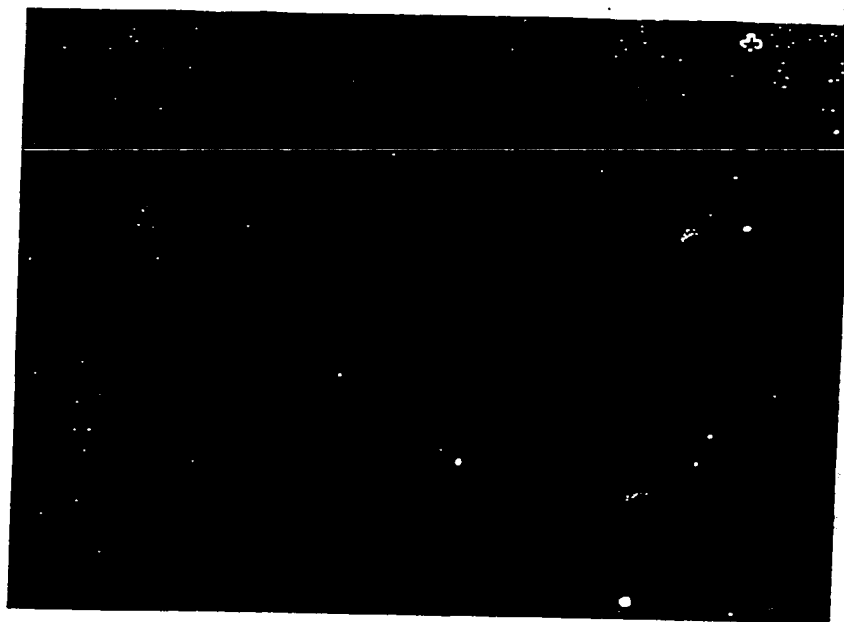
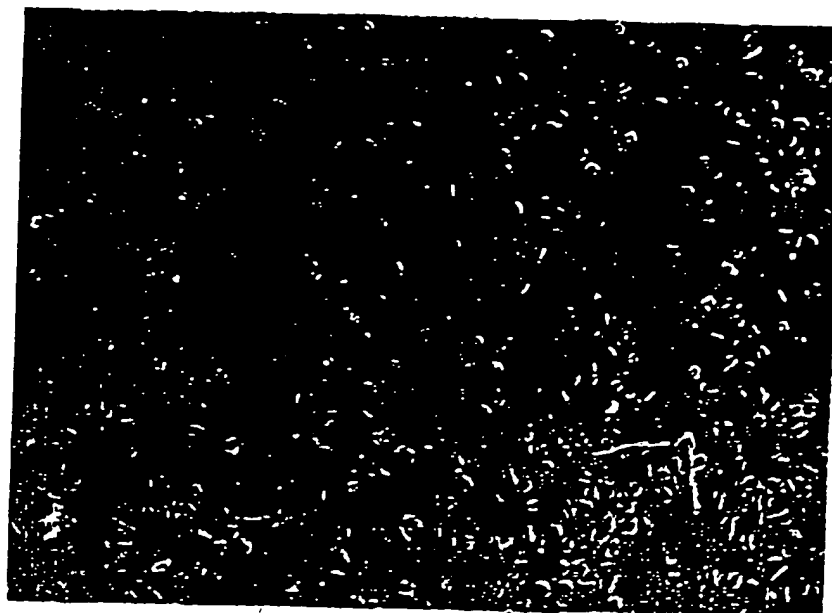


FIG. 16a



~~FIG. 2b~~

FIG. 16B

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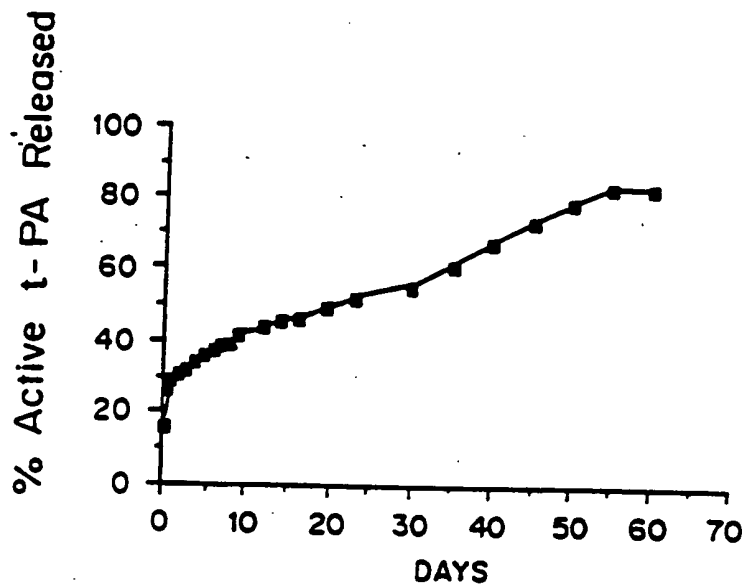
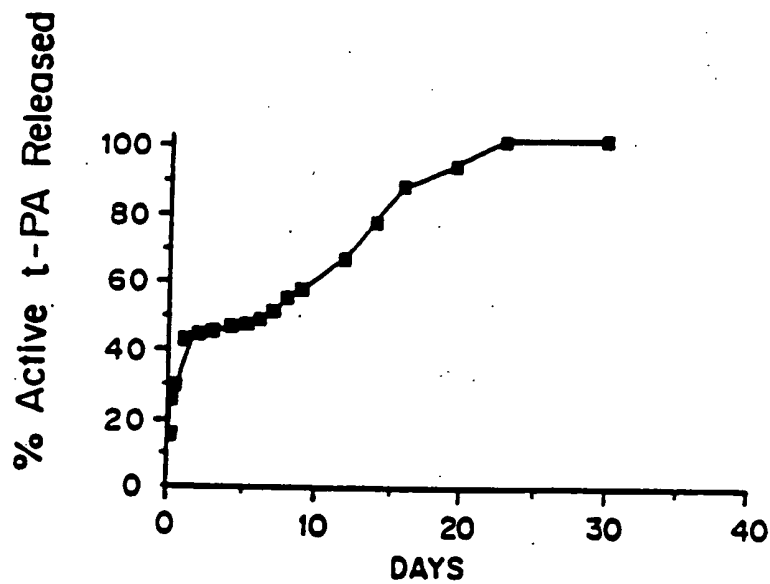


FIG. 18a



~~FIG. 4b~~

FIG. 18B